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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated January 11, 2008. Prior to further examination, please amend the application, and consider the remarks as set forth herein below.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 1 and add new claim 68 as provided below. A complete listing of all claims and their current status is provided on separate sheets herein.